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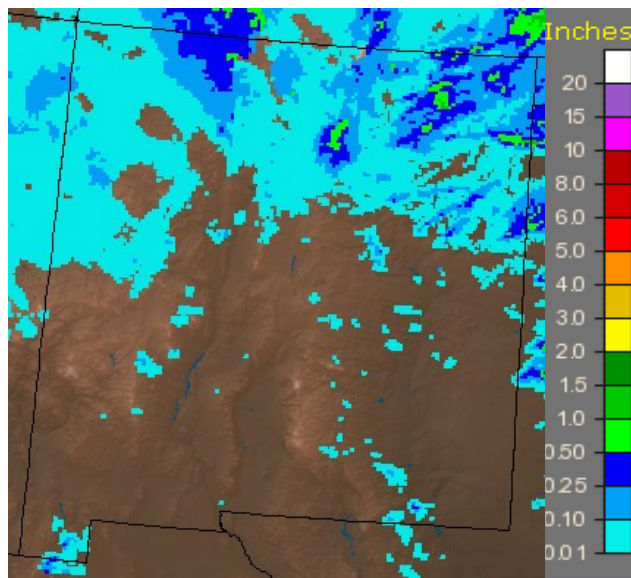
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Crop Weather

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CROP SUMMARY FOR THE WEEK ENDING April 29, 2012

NEW MEXICO: Alfalfa conditions ranged from good to fair; 31% first cutting complete. Cotton 53% planted. Corn 24% planted; 2% emerged. Sorghum was 5% planted. Winter wheat was mostly very poor; with 38% headed; 56% grazed. Peanut 2% planted. Lettuce condition ranged excellent to good. Chile condition was mostly fair; 92% planted. Onion conditions were mostly good. Apple condition was mostly fair; 40% light fruit set and 60% average fruit set. Cattle conditions ranged from fair to very poor. Sheep conditions were mostly poor to fair. Range and pasture conditions were mostly very poor. Days suitable for fieldwork were 6.6. Topsoil moisture was 61% very short, 33% short and 6% adequate. Wind damage was 20% light, 19% moderate and 8% severe; with winter wheat 56% damaged and onions 25% damaged. Freeze damage was 2% light; with winter wheat 1% damaged and onions 3% damaged. No hail damage reported.



CROP PROGRESS PERCENTAGES WITH COMPARISONS

Crop	Stage	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Average
Alfalfa	1st Cut	31	22	39	32
Chile	Planted	92	87	96	88
Corn	Planted	24	10	44	42
Corn	Emerged	2	-	9	7
Cotton	Planted	53	36	64	48
Peanut	Planted	2	-	7	6
Sorghum	Planted	5	3	8	4
W Wheat	Headed	38	20	51	26
W Wheat	Grazed	56	55	57	n/a

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION PERCENTAGES

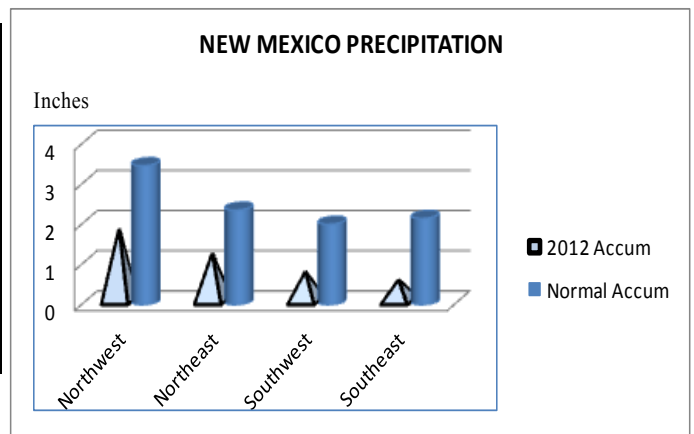
Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	3	7	36	48	6
Chile	3	10	57	10	20
Lettuce	11	-	23	33	33
Onion	-	-	31	53	16
Winter Wheat	50	20	28	2	-
Cattle	32	32	33	3	-
Sheep	15	46	35	4	-

SOIL MOISTURE PERCENTAGES

	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
Northwest	61	35	4	-
Northeast	77	23	-	-
Southwest	18	82	-	-
Southeast	49	33	18	-
State Current	61	33	6	-
State-Last Week	63	27	10	-
State-Last Year	61	28	11	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	33	32	33	2

Additional Comments: Taos: We have had rain showers throughout the county, with the welcomed moisture dry conditions still remain on crop and grass lands. De Baca: Rangeland pastures are dry - need rain this spring. Guadalupe: Rangeland pastures are in need of moisture. San Miguel/Mora: Irrigation water has been released to most ditches and irrigation of pasture and hay land fields. Luna/Grant: Pasture conditions remain the same. Moisture is greatly needed and if we persist in these dry conditions, we will be in the same drought situation as last year. This will affect the cattle maintenance tremendously.

Range and Pasture Condition					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Northwest	46	42	12	-	-
Northeast	57	32	11	-	-
Southwest	68	32	-	-	-
Southeast	66	25	8	-	-
State Current	57	33	10	-	-
State-Last Week	53	26	11	8	2
State-Last Year	27	42	28	3	-
State-5-Yr Avg.	15	32	33	19	1



Weather Summary

Some locations were 5-10 degrees above normal at the beginning of the week, but by midweek a system from the west brought high winds, thunderstorms and mild precipitation to some areas, which lowered temperatures back to their seasonable normals.

NEW MEXICO WEATHER CONDITIONS – April 23 – April 29, 2012								
Station	Temperature			Precipitation				
	Mean	Maximum	Minimum	Week 23 Apr – 29 Apr	Month 01 Apr – 29 Apr	Accum. 01 Jan – 29Apr	Normal Apr	Normal Jan-Apr
Northwest								
Albuquerque	67.7	88	46	0.00	0.82	1.68	0.52	1.96
Chama	49.6	75	24	0.50	1.31	3.82	1.27	6.61
Farmington	61.1	85	35	0.01	0.01	0.77	0.51	2.48
Gallup	56.1	84	29	0.12	0.04	1.77	0.64	3.23
Grants	57.1	83	30	0.02	0.59	1.12	0.45	1.95
Johnson Ranch	55.5	83	30	0.00	0.00	0.47	0.49	2.47
Los Alamos	57.9	77	41	0.00	0.89	1.66	1.00	3.88
Red River	40.9	70	29	0.00	1.53	3.66	1.68	5.75
Santa Fe	59.3	84	37	0.02	0.43	1.25	0.81	2.87
Northeast								
Capulin	58.4	85	35	0.54	1.89	2.92	1.01	2.86
Clayton	66.0	92	39	0.07	1.59	2.00	0.94	2.04
Clovis	67.9	96	48	0.07	0.07	0.27	0.81	2.30
Las Vegas	58.7	83	38	0.13	0.43	0.87	0.83	2.54
Moriarty	60.9	85	38	0.00	0.57	1.26	0.66	2.10
Raton	61.3	90	40	0.02	0.27	1.22	1.06	2.90
Roy	-	-	-	0.00	0.44	0.58	0.82	2.14
Tucumcari	70.9	97	49	0.00	0.10	0.38	0.87	2.00
Southwest								
Animas	70.3	94	44	0.00	-	1.70	0.20	1.86
Deming	69.8	91	45	0.00	-	0.58	0.18	1.54
Gran Quivira	63.1	83	41	0.00	0.19	0.62	0.64	2.88
Quemado	55.3	80	20	0.00	-	0.90	0.60	2.95
Socorro	68.9	90	44	0.00	0.30	0.30	0.36	1.41
T or C	71.6	91	51	0.00	0.01	0.27	0.22	1.40
Southeast								
Alamogordo	70.6	93	47	0.00	0.06	0.19	0.26	1.93
Carlsbad	76.4	101	50	0.00	0.10	0.28	0.49	1.49
Carrizozo	65.7	89	39	0.00	0.04	0.55	0.36	2.10
Las Cruces	72.2	94	50	0.00	0.00	0.23	0.21	1.26
Roswell	67.3	91	47	0.00	0.03	0.32	0.65	1.99
Ruidoso	59.3	83	33	0.00	0.09	1.00	0.63	4.24
Tatum	70.9	97	49	0.00	0.57	1.06	0.64	2.05
(T) Trace (-) No Report (*) Correction - All reports based on preliminary data. Precipitation data corrected monthly from official.								